

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN DIVISION

KENNETH BELL, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CAL-MAINE FOODS, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

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1:20-CV-461-RP

**ORDER**

Before the Court is Plaintiff Kenneth Bell’s (“Bell”) Notice of Dismissal, in which he dismisses his claims against Defendant Albertson’s Companies, Inc. (“Albertson’s”) without prejudice. (Dkt. 97). In his Notice, Bell cites Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(i), which allows a plaintiff to voluntarily dismiss an action without a court order by filing a notice of dismissal before the opposing party serves an answer or a motion for summary judgment. (*Id.* at 1). Though Rule 41 speaks of dismissing an “action,” the Fifth Circuit has interpreted it to allow plaintiffs to dismiss all of their claims against individual opposing parties. *See Oswalt v. Scripto, Inc.*, 616 F.2d 191, 194–95 (5th Cir. 1980); *Plains Growers ex rel. Florists’ Mut. Ins. Co. v. Ickes-Braun Glasshouses, Inc.*, 474 F.2d 250, 254–55 (5th Cir. 1973); *see also* 9 Charles A. Wright, et al. *Federal Practice and Procedure* § 2362 (3d ed. Aug. 2019 update).

Albertson’s has not served an answer or a motion for summary judgment. Bell’s notice is therefore “self-effectuating” and “no order or other action of the district court is required.” *In re Amerijet Int’l, Inc.*, 785 F.3d 967, 973 (5th Cir. 2015), *as revised* (May 15, 2015).

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that the Clerk of the Court shall **TERMINATE** Albertson's as a party in this case.

**SIGNED** on August 27, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Pitman", is written above a horizontal line.

ROBERT PITMAN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE